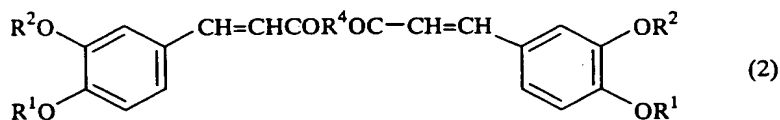
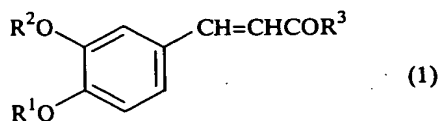


## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided is a method of treating hypertension, which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound represented by the following formula (1) or (2):



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wherein,  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are the same or different and each independently represents hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, aralkyl, or acyl,  $\text{R}^3$  represents hydroxyl, ester bond residue, or amide bond residue,  $\text{R}^4$  represents ester bond residue or amide bond residue, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof (except ferulic acid).

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When the preventive or remedy for hypertension according to the present invention is administered, ferulic acid exists in the blood for a long period of time, thereby continuously suppressing a blood pressure rise. Moreover, the hypertension preventive or remedy according to the present invention has reduced in bitterness peculiar to ferulic acid, which enables patients to take it continuously.

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